GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Condition of Nomadic Community
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that even today nomadic community is living in a very pitiable condition and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any data of such people and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is running/considering to run any programme to rehabilitate them and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) to (c) The Govt. is committed for social and economic development of De-notified, Nomadic & Semi-nomadic Tribes and has constituted the National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) to look into the developmental aspects of these communities. As on date the authentic data about population, literacy and employment rate of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes in the country, is not available. The NCDNT is in the process of collecting such data from various sources such as State/UT Govts./ Registrar General of India, various Research Institutions/NGOs etc. working for the welfare of the DNTs. For the educational empowerment of DNTs, the Government implements two schemes:-
(i) Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship for DNTs,
(ii) Nanaji Desjhmukh scheme for construction of hostels for DNT Boys & Girls.